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11. (SBU) In response to reftel request, Pol Off met with registered broker Helal Hussein at the offices of Egyptian Tech and Commercial Services Associates (ETSA). Hussein confirmed that he was authorized by the Egyptian Ministry of Defense to conduct brokering activities in Egypt. The firm only provides consulting services, so the firm does not physically handle or store any items on the United States Munitions List (USML). The company was established in 1996 and employs 12 total employees. Hussein said that 70 percent of his work was importing spare parts for automobiles. Hussein confirmed that he was familiar with restrictions on USML items, including the unauthorized re-transfer and re-export of items. He is a retired military officer. Tueller